augment the supply of water from Chowara and after that is done we will take up the question of supplying water to Vypeen also.

Mr. Paul Mampilli :— May I know whether the Government have dropped the proposal of supplying water to Vypeen?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon :— No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli :— How do they manage to get good drinking water now ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon :— From wells.

Mr. Paul Mampilli :— Is not the water from the wells saltish?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon ;— Yes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan :— Is there any idea to give water this year?

Mr. V. K Aravindkasha Menon :— It will not be possible.

Transfers of Assistant Surgeons.

106. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what was the necessity for the recent transfers of Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department;

(2) what, if any, is the principle that was followed in making the transfer ;

(3) the names of Assistant Surgeons, the hospitals in which they were working and the period for which they were there just before the transfer ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— (1) It was to give effect to the posting of an Honorary Assistant Surgeon to be in charge of the Cranganur Hospital.

(2) The three year rule of serving in a particular station was the principle that was followed in making the transfer.

(3)

Name	*Place*	*Period*		
		Y.	M.	D.
Mr. A. Babu Rao.	Cranganur	3	5	6
,, M. J. Ittoop	Irinjalakuda	3	7	16
,, K. Rama Warriar	Chalakudi	4	2	12
,, M. Govinda Menon.	Nemmara	3	5	0

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Was not Mr. M. Govinda Menon transferred to the General Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— Yes.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Could not this posting be effected by transferring Mr. Babu Rao to the Ernakulam General Hospital ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Then why was the other transfers made ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :—Because they had been there for more than 3 years.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Is the list given here exhaustive ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— No. There are two more.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know who they are ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— They are Messrs. Dasa Pai and Kamath.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Then why were their names not given ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— They have already been recommended for tranfer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— I asked for the list of Assistant Surgeons showing the hospitals in which they were working and the period for which they were there just before the transfer. These two names are not included in the list. Why were their names not given in the list ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— I thought it was the names of the Assistant Surgeons who have now been transferred.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Why were they not transferred along with the general scheme of transfer ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— This is not a general scheme of transfer. These transfers had to be given effect to because an Honorary Surgeon had to be posted to the Cranganur hospital.

M. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— You said you could have effected the transfer by transferring Dr. Babu Rao to the General Hospital. You wanted at the same time to resort to the other transfers because there were persons in different stations who were there for more than three years. When you effected the transfer of these persons why did you not transfer these two gentlemen who had already been there for more than three years at the time of the transfer.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—The change is not done all on a sudden. They have been already recommended for a transfer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— May I know when it was recommended ?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :—It was recommended last week.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :—After the receipt of this question. Why did you not recommend it before the receipt of this question?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— This question has nothing to do with that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— To which place is Dr. Babu Rao transferred ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— Irinjalakuda.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— It was stated that the posting of an Honorary Surgeon to Cranganur would have been effected by transferring Dr. Babu Rao to the Ernakulam General Hopital In answer to another question it was also answered that the other doctors were also transferred along with this on the ground that they were there for more than three years. Why were these two persons, Messrs. Kammath and Dasa Pai, not transferred ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— There was no special reason at all.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:— May I know whether departmental efficiency would in any way be affected by insisting on the three years' rule.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— It will be good to give a transfer every three years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— May I know how long Messrs. Kamath and Dasa Pai have been remaining in the same station ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— Mr. Kamath has been in Kunnamkulam for the last 4 and odd years and Mr. Pai for more than 4 years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— When persons with 3 years and 3 months were transferred why were these persons who have remained there for more than 4 years allowed to remain undisturbed ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :—There was no special reason at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Is not Kunnamkulam a very important place where there are many cases for private practice ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—I do not know.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— May I know, in the

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capacity of the Chief Medical Officer, he is not aware of the nature of the place as far as private practice is concerned?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— I only know of the work in the hospital. I have not inquired about the private practice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know for whose benefit the transfers of these several Assistant Surgeons are given?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— For the benefit of the public.

Dr. A. R. Menon :— Why do you allow yourself to be heckled like this? Why do you make any difference in the case of these Assistant Surgeons? Why not observe this rule in all cases? Why do you give scope for such questions?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— This rule is observed as far as possible. It is not always possible to follow it because in some cases when one doctor would have put in 4 years another would have put in only 2 years.

Dr. A. R. Menon :— But here both these doctors have put in a service of more than four years. They two could have been mutually transferred. These names also suggest something else to these members.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— To which places are these two gentlemen proposed to be transferred?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— No orders have been passed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— May I know your recommendation?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— It is confidential.

The Connoly Canal.

107. Mr. P. Raman Menon;— Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the leader in the "West Coast Review" dated 14th October 1934 with reference to the above canal;

(b) what, if any, action has been taken by the Government in that matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon :— (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know, Sir, the issue raised in that leader?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon :— I must refer to the paper.

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